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SC 2540

**WILLIAM H. MORGAN  
LETTER, 11 AUGUST 1863, MANCHESTER, TENN.  
[TO] DEAR FRIEND, ELKHART, IND.**

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**COLLECTION INFORMATION**

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## **HISTORICAL SKETCH**

William H. Morgan, of Elkhart, Indiana, enlisted in Company A of the 9th Indiana Volunteers on 26 March 1862. Shortly thereafter he was appointed Chief Musician of the regiment. He served until 18 August 1865. He appears in county histories only in his Civil War connection.

The 9th Indiana Regiment was organized at LaPorte under Col. Robert H. Milroy. It was first sent to western Virginia; then served under Buell in Tennessee; pursued Bragg through Kentucky, fighting at Perryville and Wild Cat Mountain; fought at Chickamauga and advanced on Atlanta; pursued Hood; and was finally sent to New Orleans and thence to Texas.

Sources: Terrell, *Report of Adjutant General*, Vols. II and IV  
*History of Elkhart County* (1905), 319

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT**

This collection contains one item, a letter written on 11 August 1863 by William H. Morgan, in the Army of the Cumberland at Manchester, Tennessee, to a "Dear Friend" at Elkhart. He tells about hard marching, and about new drums which have just arrived from Cincinnati to replace the government issue drums. In a long PPS, he describes how he maintains relations with two young ladies without making a commitment to either.